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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ESPAILLAT).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
July 13, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ADRIANO ESPAILLAT to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, You bless the people who patiently endure hardship and testing. And so we bring before You our prayers for the people of Ukraine who, in these last months, have endured indescribable adversity and have been tested time and again. Yet, they have held fast to their faith in You and confident in Your deliverance from unspeakable horrors.

You see the atrocities inflicted upon Ukraine, O God. You know the torture the Ukrainians endure day after day at the ruthless hands of their enemy. They wait patiently for Your intercession. Where, then, is Your blessing?

O Lord, You have promised those who love You the crown of life. Give to the people of Ukraine, who have remained unwavering in their hope in You, who have embodied Your compassion in tending to the overwhelming suffering around them despite the risk to their own lives, give them evidence of the abundant life You have prepared for them.

Defend them with the strength of Your mighty arm. Crown them with

righteousness, for in facing the wickedness that encroaches on them, they have remained steadfast in their devotion to You.

May they serve as a testimony to Your faithfulness and a witness to Your abiding presence. And may we prove worthy to endure the testing and hardship that befalls us when we are called to take our stand against tyranny and oppression.

All this we pray in Your sovereign name.  
Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Utah (Mr. STEWART) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. STEWART led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### LET TEACHERS TEACH

(Mr. GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise with a message for those it may concern.

At Robb Elementary School, more than 15 good guys with guns, ballistic shields, and body armor confronted a bad guy with a gun and didn't do what many expect teachers to do with a pistol.

Expecting teachers to take out bad guys with guns is unreasonable, outrageous, and dumb. Let teachers teach.

### RETURN TO FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

(Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, last week, I received a letter from a Boy Scout in my district telling me how his family has been forced to change their budget and cancel their summer vacation.

Unfortunately, this story is not unique, and right now, more than two-thirds of Americans have been forced to dip into their savings to pay for groceries and gasoline. This is the reality of an economy that has been wrecked by Biden's socialist spending spree.

These policies have consequences, and it is estimated that American families will spend an additional \$460 a month because of inflation. Just this morning, it was reported that inflation rose by 9.1 percent in the past year.

Let's call this 9 percent inflation what it is. It is a tax on workers and families, and it is having a severe impact on my community. It is time to stop spending money that we don't have on policies that we don't need. It is time to return to fiscal responsibility.

### ATTACKS ON THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT

(Mr. CARTER of Louisiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

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